

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2596 – HB 3674

February 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation to inspect all coal surface mining and reclamation operations having retention/sediment ponds to determine whether the ponds are sufficiently sized for runoff during periods of heavy rain. If a pond is undersized, the permit must be modified to require a pond of sufficient size. No new permits shall be issued and no bond shall be released unless all ponds satisfy sufficient size requirements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumption:

- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, coal mining permits in Tennessee are issued by the Federal Office of Surface Mining. The Department states that it will not conduct inspections; there are no facilities permitted under this law and there is anticipated to be none. There will be no impact on state government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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